

Cold Osmotic Shock

- Release of periplasmic protein fraction from *E. coli* by cold osmotic shock
Modified protocol from [Neu & Heppel, 1965](#):
 - Centrifuge *E. coli* cell suspension for 5 min at 14,000 g (4 °C) to collect the cells
 - Discard the entire supernatant
 - Resuspend the cells in ice-cold [Cell Fractioning Buffer 1](#). The resulting volume should be 1/4 of the former suspension volume
 - Incubate for 20 min on ice. Invert the suspension at regular intervals to counteract sedimentation
 - Centrifuge the cell suspension for 15 min at 14,000 g (4 °C)
 - Discard the entire supernatant
 - Resuspend the cells in ice-cold [Cell Fractioning Buffer 2](#). The resulting volume should be 1/4 of the former suspension volume
 - Incubate for 10 up to 20 min on ice under regular inversion
 - Centrifuge the cell suspension for 15 min at 14,000 g (4 °C)
 - Save the supernatant, which contains the periplasmatic proteins and membrane proteins

